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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Dear Reviewer:

The attached Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan is a vital part of the future of Rydell National Wildlife Refuge.

The purpose of the Comprehensive Conservation Plan is to guide Refuge management decisions over the next 15 years. We intend that the Plan provide a clear statement of the desired future condition of the Refuge. The Plan should provide neighbors and visitors with a clear understanding of Refuge management actions, and it should provide a sound basis for long-term operations, maintenance and capital improvement budget requests.

We invite you to review the Plan and tell us what you think. Your comments on the draft plan will help us write a final plan that is both visionary and practical.

Please address written comments to: Rydell National Wildlife Refuge, Route 3, P.O. Box 105, Erskine, MN 56535. Comments can also be sent through the Service's Web site for the Rydell National Wildlife Refuge planning project: <http://midwest.fws.gov/planning/rydtop.htm>.

In order for the Planning Team to consider your comments when writing the final plan, we need to hear from you by August 15, 2001. However, comments received after August 15 are welcome and we will consider them in future management decisions.

Again, thank you for your time, thoughts and interest in planning for Rydell National Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Larson
Chief of Ascertainment and Planning